

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

00:00:01

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on March 24, 2005 at  
5:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary, Audio Technician  
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 688, 3/2/2005;  
HB 492, 2/22/2005; HB 746, 3/1/2005;  
HJ 12, 2/22/2005; HB 671, 3/15/2005  
Executive Action: HB 688

HEARING ON HB 688

00:00:41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on **HB 688**, Name Highway 3 from Great Falls to US Highway 89 at Armington for Patrick Galvin.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:03 Spook Stang, on behalf of self

00:08:44 REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO, HD 26, GREAT FALLS

EXHIBIT(his65a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:12:00 John Black, Director of Maintenance for Montana  
Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:12:40

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 688

00:13:58

Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 688 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG voted by Proxy.

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HEARING ON HB 492

00:16:25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. PENNY MORGAN (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on **HB 492**, Abandon certain highway right-of-way for certain adjoining property owners.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:59 Tim Reardon, Attorney for MDOT

[EXHIBIT](#)(his65a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(his65a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:28:16

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:55

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 746

00:32:43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. HARRY KLOCK (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 746, Clarify vehicle registration requirements for active duty Montanans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:27            Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division  
00:34:08            Roger Hagen, United States Army National Guard  
00:34:40            Rhonda Carpenter Wiggers, Montana County Treasures'  
                         Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:35:15

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:24

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HJ 12

00:37:32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HJ 12, Encourage construction of roundabouts.

**EXHIBIT**(his65a04)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:48           Loren Frazier, Chief Engineer, MDOT  
00:41:49           Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers' Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:03           Mike Duman, Federal Highway Administration

00:43:36

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:20

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**HEARING ON HB 671**

00:50:31

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. JOHN MUSGROVE (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 671,  
Generally revise motor vehicle law.

**EXHIBIT**(his65a05)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:24           Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division

**EXHIBIT**(his65a06)

**EXHIBIT**(his65a07)

01:02:08           Brenda Nordland, Department of Justice  
01:13:03           Jim Robinson, Montana Independent Automobile Dealer  
                    Association  
01:13:45           Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Montana Motor  
                    Carriers' Association  
01:14:01           Joe Mazurek, Montana Interconnect  
01:14:55           Marilyn Olsen, Montana Automobile Dealer Association  
01:15:19           Steve Turkievicz, Montana Bankers' Association  
01:16:07           Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV  
                    Association

01:16:43            **Rhonda Carpenter Wiggers, Montana County Treasures'  
Association**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:04

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:25 P.M.

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SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([his65aad0.PDF](#))**